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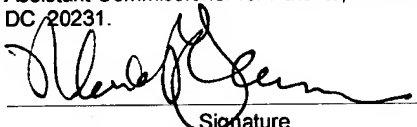
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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: SELF-SEALING DISPENSING VALVE FOR HUMIDIFIER WATER BOTTLES- by Steven Rhea and Mark Tomasiak*

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 16-page patent specification including 15 claims and an abstract. Also included are figures 1-10 on 6 sheets and an application data sheet.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicants request the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants request that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) be sent to the undersigned Applicants' representative.

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